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SUBJ: ALGERIAN PRESS CONFERENCE ON PREPARATORY
CONFERENCE

1. MESSAOUD AIT CHALLAL, ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO
BELGIUM AND EEC AND ALSO HEAD OF THE ALGERIAN DELEGATION
TO THE PARIS PREPARATORY CONFERENCE, GAVE RECENT
INTERVIEW TO "LA LIBRE BELGIQUE." WHICH WAS
QUOTED IN ITS ENTIRETY IN ALGIERS EL MOUDJAHID OF
APRIL 27/28. CHALLAL'S DESIRE TO SPLIT EUROPE AND
THE US FROM THEIR UNIFIED POSITION AND TO BREAK UP THE
IEA ARE SET FORTH SO CLEARLY THAT THE EMBASSY IS
REPEATING GIST OF HIS ARGUMENTS.

2. CHALLAL DESCRIBED CONFERENCE AS NEITHER SUCCESS
NOR FAILURE. A BEGINNING OF DIALOGUE HAS TAKEN PLACE
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AND THIRD WORLD WAS SHOWN TO BE COMPLETELY UNITED.

REAL ISSUES OF HUNGER, MISERY AND UNDER-DEVELOPMENT WERE POINTED OUT AND NOT JUST THE ENERGY CRISIS. WE, (REAL THIRD WORLD,) WERE READY TO DISCUSS ENERGY, TO GIVE ENERGY FIRST PLACE ON THE AGENDA, BUT WE NEEDED A DECLARATION IN PRINCIPLE FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD TO DISCUSS OUR KEY ISSUES SUCH AS SAFEGUARDING OUR PURCHASING POWER.

3. CHALLAL WENT ON TO EMPHASIZE THAT INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD SPOKE AS ONE VOICE IN PARIS. POSITIONS PUT FORTH BY EEC WERE FUNDAMENTALLY IN OPPOSITION TO THOSE OF THIRD WORLD. THIS IS DISTURBING AND CANNOT BUT HURT ARAB/EUROPE DIALOGUE. WE HAVE SAID TO EUROPE, UNDERSTAND OUR INTERESTS AND WE WILL GIVE YOU PRIVILEGED POSITION AND RESOLVE YOUR ENERGY

PROBLEMS. YOU SAY, EUROPEANS WISH TO ESCAPE DEPENDENCE ON OPEC, BUT YOU CAN'T EXCEPT BY FALLING INTO GREATER DEPENDENCE ON THE UNITED STATES WHICH WISHES WORLD DOMINANCE.

4. CHALLAL THEN REALLY LAMBASTED IEA AS TOOL OF AMERICAN DOMINANCE, "U.S. FORCE DE FRAPPE," "HOLY ALLIANCE" AGAINST OPEC WITH WHICH "OPEC WOULD NEVER AGREE TO NEGOTIATE." IN CONTRAST OPEC HAS ALREADY BEGUN CONTACTS WITH EEC DESPITE EIGHT OF ITS MEMBERS BEING ALSO MEMBERS OF THE IEA. CHALLAL UNDERLINED IEA LEADS ONLY TO CONFRONTATION AND DENIGRATED ITS STATED GOALS OF COOPERATION WITH PRODUCERS.

5. CHALLAL CLOSED BY EXPRESSING HOPE THAT DIALOGUE WOULD BE REKINDLED BEFORE SEPTEMBER WHEN OIL PRICE FREEZE ENDS. ON BEING REMINDED THAT ALGERIA HAD PROPOSED A PRICE FREEZE TO END OF THE YEAR, HE STATED THAT CONDITIONS WERE DIFFERENT THEN AND INDUSTRIALIZED INFLATION HAD CONTINUED TO ERODE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' POSITION.
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